

**Exceptional Pupils**  
**Specific to the grade level of the base teaching license**  
**Endorsement for Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)**

**To receive an endorsement to teach in a program of gifted and talented education, a person *must*:**

1. Hold a license for the level of education in which the program is offered; **AND**
2. Have 2 years of verified experience as a teacher in schools approved by the department; **AND**
3. Have completed 12 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university to include 3 semester hours of credit in each of the following areas of study:
  - I. Characteristics and needs of gifted and talented pupils
  - II. Assessment of gifted and talented pupils and programs for such pupils
  - III. Curriculum in content areas for gifted and talented pupils
  - IV. Methodology and strategies for teaching gifted and talented pupils